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Joining the Church.

Occupy a well considered article from our esteemed neighbor, the Yorkville Equivocal as to church, officers, etc. But with some of which we would dissent, namely: "The justification of themselves" in not joining the church. For while it is true that at least some men who are out of the church are afraid to take the communion worthily. The penalty for so doing is great, while there is no specific curse pronounced upon a man for not partaking of the Lord's supper. A man outside the church may be as conscientious as the one in the church, and that conscientiousness on his part may prevent his assuming the risk of taking the communion unworthily. This editor takes no stock in pleading the short comings of others as an excuse to stay away from the communion.

If the rules are applied strictly there are few of us who are blameless in our thoughts, and in our actions. And unless a man thinks he can measure up to the requirements it may be better for him not to take the Lord's supper. No matter how sincere the effort, to live as free from sin as possible, yet it is true that the evil that is in the hearts of others will enable them to be as pure as snow, though they shall not escape censure. What seems to us as wrong in others, may not do violence to their consciences. In religion and in morals we cannot excel along all the lines, but as a rule, we are so, specialists. For instance: One man, possibly in the pulpit, may disregard the command not taking up his life in the name of the Creator, except in reverential awe. He may make a football of playing of the sacred name, by using it anywhere from half dozen times to fifty times in one half hour. This habit usually characterizes the conduct of so called evangelists and pastors who neither study nor write their sermons. Another man, possibly in the pulpit, or among the high officers of the church, may be scrupulously careful along the lines of violating the command against the irreverent use of the name of God, but he may be careless in business affairs and good brother may not quite understand the rules of fair dealing as between himself and others. In religious worship these men may sit high up in the church on days of worship, but the poor creatures though just as conscientious, who feel their imperfection may sit far back. He needs to have his hands held up, and feel that need shrink from assuming the position of one who is not worthy to be there.

That the best men in the world are in the church it would be needless to deny. That there are among them plenty of wolves in sheep's clothing is a self evident fact. If in the church the sheep pasture would have grazing ground to let. The goat pasture would have to be enlarged. If the same division was made out side the church there might be in some instances vacant room in the sheep pasture.

A hypocrite or a thief may join the church, and sit high up in the synagogue while an honest man hesitates.

A Prosperous Enterprise.

The Building and Loan Association of Abbeville has been running a year, and its success has been most gratifying to all interested in it. So pleased and encouraged, indeed, are the directors of the Association, that at a recent meeting, they decided to issue a new series of five hundred shares, quite a number of which have been spoken for already.

For the salaried man and wage-earner there can be no better way of saving and investing his surplus earnings, and for the man who is living in a rented house the B. and L. Association presents a fine opportunity for paying for a home of his own in monthly installments, these monthly payments being in many instances, very little more than the house-rent he would otherwise be paying.

While to our merchants and other business men the inducements are not so great; still indirectly, they receive handsome returns; for experience has shown that, as town-builders properly managed local B. and L. Associations have no equals; and surely our merchants are benefited when the number of homes in our city are rapidly increasing.

Let everybody who is capable of saving, and worthy enterprise take the matter over with the wide-awake President, Dr. G. A. Neuffer, or one of the other directors, so that he can be ready to take one or more shares when the subscription list is brought to him.

Should only be passed by when the list is being circulated, he can put his subscription on a list which will be opened at the People's Saving Bank.

Ice Plant and Laundry.

The new Ice and Laundry Plant is complete and ready for business. There has been a long felt want for such a plant and the public spirit of some of our citizens has at last met the demand.

There is no town that has more prosperous merchants or better business men, but as a general thing our public enterprises have not prospered as they should. While a boy or girl is objectionable in any form, since our people have invested in this plant largely for the public good, the town should support it. Don't send your laundry away if you can have it done as well at home.

Death of a Faithful Woman.

Caroline (name) who has been employed by the Messers Hill and Sons as cook for thirty five years, died last Thursday at an advanced age. The fact that she remained in the employ of the same people for so long a time is complimentary to both employer and employee. For while a while she has not been able to work, but the Messers Hill sent her pay regularly at the end of the month, ever as they did when she was able to perform the work which engaged to do thirty five years ago. If every employee was as faithful as she was, and every employer was as generous as the Messers Hill, the world would be better.

Prof. P. L. Grier was in town last Saturday. He is enthusiastic as to the prospects of the Due West railroad. With Mr. Galloway's good business methods, backed by the good people of Due West, the railroad will be the greatest benefactor the town ever had. With proper traffic arrangements the business of Due West will be doubled. Business will be drawn from territory that formerly went to other towns along the Savannah Valley. With good railroad accommodations Due West will be a cotton market and fertilizer distributor. Where men sell cotton they buy goods.

The election for Governor goes merrily on every day in Georgia.

Cherry Juice cough syrup at Milford's drug store.

Character Sketch Without Caricature. Typographical Photograph of one you know. One you know well.

Let it be understood that I am a pen, Spencerian no. 1, and though I'm rusty I'm going to undertake this job. It makes no difference whatever who pushes me I am the one who is going to portray this character. It may be you will be interested in this sketch, especially as I the writer, am only a spencerian pen, and also on account of some small element of mystery, for you see that I have not told you who it is that I am about to describe. It must also be more interesting because I see things as they are and am not crossed eyed, and blind, and near sighted as is the human who pushes me and as you are all so. Of course you would recognize the photograph of any prominent citizen of Abbeville whom you see every day. In like manner you will recognize this picture that I am drawing. You may think that when I have finished that I have overdrawn certain features, but such will not be the case. My picture will be true to nature, and whatever imperfection there may be, will be due to your eyesight and not to my portrayal. I see clearly.

This man I am describing is well known to you. He spends his time on the Rialto and at home. He is much engrossed in business and is well enough satisfied with his calling. Not like you and others, if he had it to do over again, he would not change his calling. People did not take this man seriously at first but he is about to bias his way to prominence by attending to his business by the way, if you will allow a pen to philosophize, attending to one business and letting other people alone is the only way to succeed, but to get back; this man is an original character. He does not try to imitate any one under the sun. He is what he is without any ribbons, furbelows, or dunces, and of course I admired therefor. That is one saving trait in you poor suffering humanity, you do like originality.

Besides being original this man is of a sanguine temperament, always hopeful, you have never caught him in a spirit of the blues, but on the other side you never have seen him enthusiastic over any thing and the likelihood is that you never will be. He is impetuous. There is an adage you people have to the effect that "all is fair in love and war." Take this motto and strike out "love" and supply "business" and you will have this man's motto. He is business to the bone, shrewd and keen in trade, he goes on the supposition that every body else is the same and acts accordingly. At any rate he looks out for "number one" and does it well.

Society does not worry this man. He has never asked himself one time what stand he would take among the hot polio. He cares as little about these things as this spring's butterfly cares for the glacial period of eighty thousand years ago.

You would fare better at the mercy of some other man than at the mercy of this man, he is not noted as a merciful man, his business training has made him too much like an adding machine. He likes to make things balance.

Most people are over anxious to stand well in the eyes of other men but this man does not give a last year bird nest what you think of him. That is another question that he has never asked himself.

He is not a philosopher though he is beginning to cultivate wisdom, latest power he has is that he is not a philosopher, he is not a character and never will be, he wasn't made that way.

He is not a patriot. He is willing to let other people run the government, and is satisfied with whatever they do, yet he is a good citizen as the state views a citizen.

There is one most favorable characteristic that he possesses; he does not pretend to be what he is not. He is as plain as an old shoe and glories in it. He is himself, not publically. This man has probably not read "Darwin" but he knows about the principle of "The survival of the fittest." He has learned it by hard knocks. He has struggled like a black jack on a sandy hillock for existence. He has squirmed and crawled like a cellar bramble to get his head up to the sunlight, and while he allows you the same privilege he is not helping any one just now. He is still fighting though the black jack is now a tree and the cellar bramble is in the light of the sun.

You people talk about this man much. You speak of him as John Jones instead of Mr. John Jones, even when addressing him. You have a kind of familiarity with him which this man rather enjoys than otherwise, for while he is as cold blooded as a frog, nevertheless he is a social being after all and must have some companionship and comradeship.

He is nearer rich than poor but you can't tell it, there are always a few men in town who will tell this description.

The naivety of this man is really refreshing. His sang froid is agreeable because it is natural.

I said that you men talk about him some time in a casual way and there are as many opinions as there are men. As a rule when one of you has been able to get himself talked about he is beginning to accomplish something. This man is oblivious of the fact that he is sometimes the brunt of a conversation.

Now who is he? The photograph is a true one, while I have not scribbled the color of his hair or eyes, while I have not told you his age, height, or build, while I have said nothing about his dress, customs, or habits—yet I have described him.

Who is he? Would you allow me to tell you who he is? You have already guessed it. His name is but you might be the man yourself had you thought of that? No, I will not give the name but you have guessed it just the same. No you did not guess, you recognized him, that's all.

If I do not cut out before next week I will get into the hands of some pen pusher and give you another photograph. Frame this one in your mind.

THE CIVIC LEAGUE.

Fountains in Monument Park.

Monument Park will be a thing of beauty, and its splendid proportions are being definitely outlined. The monument is the central figure and it is an honor to the enterprise and public spirit of those who erected it. To those who contributed the money to pay for it, it should be a pleasure forever. We have heard the monument spoken of as being one of the most beautiful in the State. As far as our own information goes there are none superior to it either in design or in execution of detail.

The ground is to be further beautified by grass, flowers, and ornamental trees. The finishing touches on the ground are to be two fountains of attractive proportions. Effort is already being made to raise the money by private subscription with which to buy the fountains, and we have no doubt that patriotic citizens stand ready to respond to this call, even as they responded to the appeal for money to start the movement which beautifies the public square.

But this editor speaking for those who are a stimulus to public officials. And private subscriptions are worth much in saving the taxes which are levied upon the poor and the rich alike. The saving of taxes is itself a public benefaction, and when those who are able and willing assume the cost of an enterprise, they are public benefactors.

But this editor speaking for those who differ, has no desire to do more than his own part in a public work in which every citizen should be equally interested.

The fountains in our opinion, should be erected by the city and we have no doubt that the people of the city as a whole are willing to incur the cost, even as they are willing to incur the cost for individuals to assume the expense.

For this reason, we have no doubt that the city will gladly assist such patriotic citizens as may be willing to begin the work. By co-operation of the city with individuals, good and attractive fountains may be secured. The city of Abbeville is moving forward on higher and broader planes than ever before, and the city needs fountains that will be accepted by the Court house, the City hall, the monument, and the beauty of the park itself.

Excepting the monument, the fountains will be by far the most conspicuous attractions in the park, and as a consequence they should be of the most attractive make of their kind. Everybody loves a fountain, and the eye never tires of flowing water.

For all time the temple of love, as been associated with flowing waters. The park, the smiling shade, where "the strong, the brave, the virtuous, and the wise link into soft captivity together."

In olden times men worshipped in the forests beneath the shade of giant oaks, and beside babbling brooks devout worshippers knelt and looked from nature up to nature's god, as they uttered their orisons to the giver of every good and perfect gift. And so degree of civilization or culture has yet been able to separate us from the love of those customs which were held in high esteem in the primeval days. We may not now boast of the waving cane and the magnificent oaks that kissed the sky in days that made this section historic, but we may have with us the green grass, the modest violet, the sweet blooming bush, from all of which may ascend to heaven on every breeze the sweetest incense. We may have in our park the babbling brook, but we may have the flowing fountain whose sparkling waters may please the eye while making melody to soothe the wearied ear. We may not have in our park the music of the mocking bird. The chatter of the oriole may not add its voice to the universal hymn, (no reflection on Psalm singers), but we may have from the time the first dawn of day streaks the eastern sky, and until the shades of evening appear, the evening and twilight song of the infernal English sparrow. Use your sane and orderly reasons, let us have the best fountains that may be within our reach.

Because of these facts the fountains should be the most ornamental that we can afford to buy. They should be like the court house and the city hall, so far ahead of the times that the children of this generation would pass them still further on down the line. We have had cheap things, and we have neglected to beautify our public grounds for long enough. Now when we are getting splendid public buildings the fountains and park should come up to what may be the requirements of the people for many years yet to come. All honor to the individuals who are willing to assume personal expense, and all honor to the City Council for giving the required improvements. The City Council could not now afford to "fall down" on the finishing touches.

While we think the erection of the fountains is properly the work of the city yet we love to see their generosity in allowing individuals the opportunity to give substantial evidence of their patriotism.

The improvement of the park is not an individual enterprise; it is not wholly a city enterprise; for the property in fact belongs to the county, and there is not a man within its borders who would not take pride in beautifying the city and its government.

That liberty and wisdom are with the council has shown in building up and beautifying the city may be depended upon to assume the entire expense of the park without asking aid of the county or individuals of the city.

P. S. After more mature deliberation we would like to know why any fountain at all should be put in the park. The proper place for a magnificent fountain, costing, say, \$2,500, it seems to us, is in the grounds fronting the Court house and City hall. We learn however, that private individuals are contemplating the purchase of two magnificent \$500 fountains.

Senator Gary at Home.

Senator F. B. Gary came home last Saturday and remained in town until yesterday. When asked about our \$75,000 postoffice, he assured us that he had no doubt of the bill going through the Senate. Members of the Committee at his request carefully included Abbeville among the towns to get a postoffice.

We asked him if his brother Senators in Washington looked for his "tag" when he replied: That he had been treated with all the kindness and consideration that any one could wish. Some of the distinguished Senators had sought him and introduced themselves, and some of that number were very kind in their expressions of a desire to render any needed assistance, if in their power. He feels that the President of the Senate has been as courteous to him as he has been to any one.

On the whole it seemed to us that Mr. Gary was delighted with the position, and we formed the conclusion on our own account, that he wouldn't mind staying in Washington for years to come.

When asked what he thought of the dispensary commission and Judge Pritchard, he said that he thought it unfortunate that the commission, instead of going on a hunt for gamblers, had not proceeded at once to the settlement of the just claims against the State. He would express no opinion as to the possible decision of the Federal Court, though he did think that it might be deferred for a year or two. He doubts very much if any grater will be punished, though he distinctly disavowed intention to criticize or to reflect upon anybody for any effort to punish gamblers.

This editor ventured to suggest that it was a notorious fact that there was talk for years of graft; that the State paid no attention to the talk of graft; that the State paid high price for liquor and then sold it to the people at a correspondingly higher price, and that the State was a party to the fraud by having two agents. One agent paid the excessive prices. The other agent added profits, so as to the people and made money on the alleged graft.

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Our advice has not been sought on the subject of fountains. We have not lain awake wondering the matter, but, off-hand, we would prefer to have one elegant fountain in front of the court house and city hall than to have half dozen leaky dinner pots on posts scattered around the square.

SOME FACTS ABOUT FATS.

In a recent issue of the Chicago "Tribune," attention is called to the large quantity of Cotton Seed Oil (amounting in value to over \$10,000,000) which is exported to Italy and other southern European countries. Investigation shows that it is there mixed with olive oil and returned to this country as genuine olive oil—and experts cannot detect any difference.

As a matter of fact, Cotton Seed Oil is quite as palatable and wholesome as Olive Oil, and this fact has been recognized by The N. K. Fairbank Company, Chicago, in its manufacture of their famous cooking fat—COTTONOLINE. As the name implies, COTTONOLINE is made from Cotton Seed Oil, and it is not only pure and far more healthful than lard, but more economical as well.

Sully on the War Path Once More.

The people having ended, I am again in the real estate market, and with a few dollars to spare.

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CANDIDATES.

For Auditor.

Thanking the people of Abbeville county for the complimentary vote given me two years ago, and with no ill-will towards any one, but good feelings towards all and grateful for any consideration given me in this election, I again announce myself a candidate for County Auditor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

For Coroner.

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From 591 to 198.

The total number of students in Clemson College at the time when the authorities took steps to reduce the attendance at the institution has been stated to be 591. Dismissed, 394. Will graduate in June, about 89, leaving 198.

It will thus be seen how nearly the authorities have been to breaking up the institution. The excuse for the dismissal of the students was absence from recitation on April Fool day.

It may be